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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Jeffrey John GORMAN

Serial No.: 09/202,035

Filing Date: December 4, 1998

For: VIRAL PEPTIDES WITH
STRUCTURAL HOMOLOGY TO
PROTEIN G OF RESPIRATORY
SYNCYTIAL VIRUS

Examiner: B. Li

Group Art Unit: 1648

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 7, 2001 (Paper No. 18), for which a response was due on April 7, 2001. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from April 7, 2001 to May 7, 2001. Accordingly this response is timely filed.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that the Examiner stated in the Office Action on page 3 that "[The species of peptides selected] have different molecular structure *in length* or in amino acid" (italics added). Applicant notes that all of the sequences in claim 5 represent amino acids 149-197 of the G proteins of variants of different subtypes of RSV. All of the claimed sequences (SEQ ID NOS. 1-18) are of the same length. Where no amino acid is designated in a particular position in SEQ ID NOS. 2-18, the amino acid at that position is the same as the amino acid at the same (corresponding) position in SEQ ID NO. 1.

The Examiner has required Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species.

Applicant hereby elects species (a) The compound consists of amino acid sequences SEQ ID NO. 1. With this election, claims 1-15, 19-20, 22, 24 and 26 remain under consideration. Applicant expressly reserves his right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application. Applicant further requests rejoinder of withdrawn species claims upon allowance of a claim that encompasses the currently withdrawn species. MPEP 809.02(c).

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 2, 2001

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